

# Boy Scout Donation

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Michigan City, Indiana - (January 12, 2007) - Recently the Department of Correction has embarked upon a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America to initiate Boy Scout troops in each of our juvenile facilities. Adult offenders are excited to help support the troops so they can improve the chances future success.

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The Boy Scouts of America councils have provided training for the Department’s staff regarding troop start-up, recruitment, and programs at each juvenile facility. Representatives from local troops have been

established without the use of tax payer dollars. The funding has come from local Council grants and donations from the offender organizations at the Indiana State Prison.

The program began at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility and Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility in 2005 and has expanded to all male juvenile facilities.

Commissioner J. David Donahue and Superintendent Ed Buss received a check for \$500 from the offender organizations located at the Indiana State Prison. The membership of the American Legion Post No. 130 and the Jaycees each gave checks of \$250 to help fund the program.

Indiana State Prison Superintendent Ed Buss said, "I am extremely proud of the two offender organizations and their gracious assistance to support this important program in two of Indiana's Juvenile facilities."

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